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MAXWELL FIELD, ALABAMA

5 September 1947

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director, Central Intelligence Group
New War Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The Air War College, now in its second year of operation, is employing the seminar system of study and conducting concurrently a series of comprehensive lectures by military and civilian experts. The objective of the Air War College is to train officers in sound, accurate and objective thinking, particularly those officers who will, through future command and staff positions, have the responsibility for the development of the United States Air Force. Our student body is composed of approximately one hundred selected senior officers of the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. A few senior officers of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force are in attendance as observers.

During the month of November, the subject of "Intelligence" will be under consideration and I am inviting you to address the Air War College on "The Objectives of the Central Intelligence Group and its Program of Operations." This subject title is not intended to restrict your presentation; all latitude is extended the speaker in subject matter as well as coverage.

Tentatively, I have set a date and time of Friday, 14 November 1947, at 1000 hours. If this date conflicts with your plans, we can change our schedule to fit a date of your selection. Lectures are ordinarily for fifty minutes and are followed by a question period of equal duration. Should you desire assistance in preparation of charts or visual aids, the Air War College will be pleased to have such aids drawn up to your specifications.

Travel by military aircraft can be arranged, if you desire, and accommodations are available here at Maxwell Field.

It is my sincere hope that you can be with us and participate in the Air War College program.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ O. A. Anderson
Major General, U.S. Army
Commandant

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VISIT OF: Colonel E. S. Ligon, Intelligence Division, Air War College
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Colonel Ligon was visiting Washington to make preliminary contacts prior to sending letters of invitation for speakers to address their intelligence seminar to be held the week of November 10, 1947.

Last year, General Vandenberg addressed a similar group, and the school would like very much to have Admiral Hillenkoetter speak to the class this year. The Admiral has tentatively been set up as follows:

10:00 AM, November 13, 1947 - 50 minute talk with 10-minute break - followed by a 50-minute discussion.

Subject: "Objectives of the Central Intelligence Group and its program of operations".

(NOTE: General Wright then came in and stated that it appeared the Admiral ~~would~~ be in Europe at that time - and if the talk had to be given at that time, that he, General Wright, would be glad to go to Maxwell Field to give the talk. Colonel Ligon then stated that their letter of invitation - which should be sent out in about three weeks - would state that in the event the Admiral could not be present, it would be appreciated if he would designate someone from his office to represent him.)

The school has a Training Aid Section which will be happy to prepare charts and training material upon being so notified sufficiently in advance.

Maxwell Field will be happy to send a plane to D.C. to pick up the speaker and to bring him back at his convenience.

Other speakers: A-2 - CNO - G-2
Air Marshal Goddard
Dr. Lowe (A-2) - To talk on "Target Analysis".

Also being invited are: Mr. Eddy, State Department.
Mr. Dulles, who was with OSS during the war.

There will be 90 students - all cleared for TOP SECRET.

They consist of Air Force, Navy, and Ground Forces officers - [REDACTED]

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In the event the Admiral cannot make this talk, Colonel Lison extended an invitation for the Admiral to stop by and see their school as the guest of his Commanding Officer, General Orville A. Anderson.

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August 14, 1947

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